view the availability of resources and *inter se* priorities.

Establishing Relations with Israel

16. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider the desirability to establish friendly relations with Israel, in the context of the current sea change in world affairs and pursuade it to accede to PLO's declaration of a Palestine state, if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Hungary is establishing diplomatic relations with South Korea, a former arch rival of the East Block, whether Government propose to take similar initiative with Israel in the context of present world situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI) : (a) India has a consistent and principled policy on the Palestinian issue. Israel's response to the constructive moves of the PLO to resolve the Palestinian Question has been far from positive. Government would undertake any appropriate initiative to further the Middle East Peace process. For the present, it sees no need to review its present stand on relations with Israel.

(b) Hungary and South Korea have established diplomatic relations. For the reasons mentioned above, Government are not considering any move to upgrade relations with Israel?

Construction of Rail Line From Renugunta to Kurudwadi

17. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to construct rail line from Renugunta to Kurudwadi *via* Nanded is under Government's consideration;

(b) whether any estimate of the cost has been made ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Modernisation of Air Traffic System

18. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Airport Authority of India has drawn up any programme for modernisation of the air traffic service system for the entire Indian air space in a phased manner; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Upgradation of the service provided to aircraft operating along the established *ATS routes from advisory service to Air Traffic Control Service and total radar coverage of the major ATS routes to improve safety of aircraft operations are the major operations being planned by National Airports Authority. The National Airports Authority has also plans for establishment of @VOR/DME to define the ATS routes and to assist the aircraft in navigating safely.

(ATS:–Air Traffic Service.)

(@ VOR:–Very High Frequency Omni Range.)

(DME:— Distance Measuring Equipment.)